

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 25, 2022

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mr. Sam Terry, Barren County Citizen Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors, and attendees to the BRADD May Board Meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The Green and Nolin Rivers Blueways was officially designated as a National Water Trail by U.S. Secretary of the Interior in June 2021. The designation was made possible due to several supporting organizations such as Cave Country Trails, US Army Corps of Engineers, and others within the Mammoth Cave National Park system. In December, BRADD received a letter and plaque from the US Department of Interior in recognition for the work in assisting with the designation of the Green & Nolin Rivers Blueway. Chairman Thurmond presented the plaque to Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave Superintendent and BRADD staff Ms. Kim Morrow and Ms. Dajana Crockett for the collaborative efforts towards this project. Mr. Trimble provided further remarks concerning the efforts taken to make the project happen.

ATTENDANCE:

It was determined a quorum was present. (See attached attendance record).

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the April 27, 2022 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Mason Barnes, seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper to approve the April 27, 2022 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council:

Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, reported the Barren River Council on Aging met on May 18, 2022 in the BRADD Conference Center. The Aging Council members reviewed and approved the request to relocate the Butler County Senior Center. May is Older American's Month. The BRADD is celebrating those turning 100 years of age or older. Please contact the BRADD office if someone you know who would like to be recognized. Several regional Senior Centers held events throughout the May in celebration of Older Americans month. Letters will be sent to officials for appointment of Aging Council members in June. New Officer nominations will take place at the next Aging Council meeting which will be held August 17, 2022 at 10 am at BRADD.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Clark Arnold, representing Senator Rand Paul, informed the Senator has recently sponsored a bill to import FDA approved baby formula to the U.S. Further, Senator Paul often uses Fridays to visit areas across the district. He plans to be in Glasgow at the Barren Chamber next Friday June 3rd.

Mr. Mark Lord, representing Congressman Guthrie, spoke about preparing the community needs for the possible Congressional directed spending when available. Mr. Lord directed members to review the Congressman's website for eligibility details. Many important projects have been funded through the use of these funds.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, representing Congressman Comer, provided an update on appropriations. Further, she introduced her guest and fellow coworker, Ms. Mary Carter Downing, Grant Coordinator in the DC Office who spoke about her role in reviewing requests for grant letters of support.

Mr. Matthew Holder, representing KYTC, provided various road work updates throughout the district, there are many resurfacing projects underway. Mr. Holder informed there is much summer work and activity occurring to keep the regions roads in prime operative conditions.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including visitation for the month,

which is over 100 percent. Mr. Trimble spoke about the new Blueway dedication ceremony for the water trail to be held June 3, 2022. There will be an upcoming first-ever guided canoe trip through the park service. Mr. Trimble spoke about an environmental assessment which is underway for the Dennison Ferry. Additionally, a nine-month Cave re-construction project is underway which will create a new tour beginning in September.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the member packet contains the Project Impact report which details 61 active projects representing 32 million dollars of investment. 232 funding applications awaiting approval representing over 281 million dollars of investment. Many include Cleaner Water or FEMA related projects. Further, 32 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock reminded those seeking Division of Waste Management Waste Tire Projects, to please note the applications due date June 7, 2022. Staff are completing the KYTC local roads systemwide reviews and they would like to thank members for their time and patience during this lengthy and tedious process. The road centerlines project should return to normal in FY 23, Ms. Hathcock reminded members to submit road additions, deletions, and other changes as they occur. Further, Ms. Hathcock informed the county strategic planning process revealed a common need for increased broadband coverage to all areas. As a result, Breaking Point Solutions/Geo Design was contracted to conduct broadband feasibility studies throughout the region. These results will be distributed at the upcoming Broadband Symposium event. Ms. Hathcock encouraged all to attend the upcoming Broadband Symposium event on June 16, 2022, at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Ms. Hathcock informed governments should formulate broadband committees in efforts to further implement the broadband coverage expansion.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, recognized three new hires, Mr. Trevor Fields, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Mr. Austin Sims, Regional Transportation Planner. Mr. Matt Pedigo, Community Development Specialist. Additionally, two interns, Mr. Ethan Bates, and AmeriCorp intern Ms. Brooklynn Messer. Additionally, Mr. Sexton recognized three staff one-year anniversaries from the Aging Department, Ms. Kimberly Proctor, Ms. Chelsea Ennis and Ms. Mikayla Patterson. Staff recognitions included: Mrs. Kim Morrow for her recent appointment to the Geographic Information Advisory Council representing all 15 Area Development Districts. Mr. Caleb Speck for his completion of the Leadership Logan Program. Mr. Sexton announced BRADD will host an Equity Training for all Board Members on Monday June 13, 2022 at 12 noon as a lunch and learn at the BRADD office. Mr. Sexton encouraged members to RSVP. Additional training opportunities include the Broadband Symposium on June

16th and the Brownfield Training on June 30th. Mr. Sexton recognized Allen and Simpson Counties for both having perfect Board attendance. Lastly, the next Board Meeting will be held June 22, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered nine regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions were provided in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve nine regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (see attached)

2. FY 23 Budget

Mayor Dwayne Hatcher reported the Executive Council met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. A one-page summary of the budget was provided in the member packet. For FY 2023, BRADD has a budget of approximately \$11.44 million in revenue and \$11.38 in expenditures. Upon approval, the budget summary will be placed on the BRADD website. Mayor Hatcher asked for any questions.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Randall Curry. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. FY 23 Cost Allocation Plan

Mayor Dwayne Hatcher reported the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 cost allocation plan. This plan has been developed to ensure that BRADD's financial management system is efficient and equitable and to further ensure the fairness in the distribution of cost is achieved. Due to length, a copy was distributed previously by email in the board packet. A hard copy is available for any needing to review. Upon approval the plan will be updated to the BRADD website. Mayor Hatcher asked for any questions.

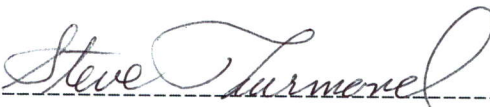
Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the FY 23 Cost Allocation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bob Greer. Motion carried. (See attached).

COUNTY ROUNDTABLE:

Chairman Thurmond moderated roundtable updates for each Board Member present. Chairman Thurmond called on members from each county including Judge/Executive, Mayors and Citizen members. Members provided information regarding upcoming summer activities, fairs, concerts, and festivals. Further updates were provided on active projects, developments and county/city planning efforts. Chairman Thurmond thanked all member for their service to their community and BRADD staff for all the support and resources provided to the local governments.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Randall Curry and seconded by Mayor Bob Greer to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary